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For : Diagnostic Compositions, Elements, Methods and  
Test Kits For Amplification and Detection of Two  
or More DNA's Using Primers Having Matched  
Melting Temperatures

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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, the three-month date for response to which was January 19, 2005. This response is filed with a Petition and Fee for an Extension of Time for a period of one (1) month. With this Extension of Time, the response will be due on February 19, 2005, which is within the six-month statutory period.